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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re: Agris et al.
Application No.: 09/747,467
Filed: December 22, 2000

For:

Examiner: C. Cheu Group Art Unit: 1641

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETERMINING THE PURITY OF

CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED NUCLEIC ACIDS

Date: March 9, 2004

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 3 months to respond to
the Of	ficial Action dated September 9, 2003.

2.	A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:			
		is filed herewith.		
		has been filed.		
3.	Applicant:			

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
one month two months three months four months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00	\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00
five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Enclosed \$950.00

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\boxtimes	A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
\boxtimes	Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted

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